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Dear Admiral:

I enjoyed my office visit with you yesterday and it was good of you to drop in for an exchange of viewpoints even though we did not quite come to a meeting of minds in connection with the problems and timing involved in the proposed new treaties with the Soviet Union. I must say, however, that you did a much better job of presenting valid reasons why these treaties might have advantages for the USA than was done by the spokesmen from the Department of State when they presented the proposal to our Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

I was also grateful for the opportunity which our visit gave me to go into the reasons in very brief detail, why a number of us in the Senate feel that it would be beneficial to our cause in the cold war to establish an American Freedom Commission with authority to set up some type of training facilities and courses in the United States. It was gracious of you to ask me to send you some additional material on this subject.

Consequently, I am enclosing a copy of the bill itself together with a marked copy of the hearings recently held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities which is the legislative committee in charge of that legislation over on the House side. I have marked my own testimony since it presents pretty clearly my point of view which you may be interested in scanning through the hearings generally. I am also enclosing a printed presentation recently put out on this subject by the Cold War Council headed by Henry Mayers of California.

As you probably know, the House Committee has now unanimously reported their version of this Freedom Academy legislation to the House of Representatives; I am sure you are also aware that over here on the Senate side we approved this legislation some five years ago but until this year the House has never gotten around to giving it consideration.

Please believe me when I tell you I covet from you your views and hope to receive your valued observations or reactions in connection with the material I am sending you today.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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